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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, IN

SUBJ: RUPEES: SIGNING OF AGREEMENT

1. I FULLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S DESIRE TO AVOID STIRRING UP CONGRESSIONAL CRITICISM BY ANY ACTION WHICH WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS ATTEMPT TO SHORT CIRCUIT CONGRESSIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH RUPEE SETTLEMENT. LANGUAGE IN TRANSMITTAL LETTER MEETS THIS OBJECTIVE AS WELL AS AVOIDING UNNECESSARY DELAY IN FINAL SIGNATURE. THE MAIN POINT IS THAT NO CONGRESSIONAL ACTION PER SE IS REQUIRED. IT IS ONLY NECESSARY THAT THE COMMITTEES DO NOTHING.

2. COPI KAUL HAS NOW ASKED THAT WE MOVE UP SIGNATURE BY ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO PRECEDE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT ON FEBRUARY 20. THE EFFECTIVE DATE WILL REMAIN MARCH 1. WHILE HE DID NOT SAY THIS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOI WISHES TO AVOID A MAJOR DEBATE ON THE AGREEMENT AND PARTICULARLY IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE CRITICISM THAT THE US CONGRESS RECEIVED THE DOCUMENT BEFORE IT WAS GIVEN TO THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT. EARLY SIGNATURE WOULD PRESENT THE PARLIAMENT WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI.

3. KAUL'S REQUEST APPEARS REASONABLE PROVIDING THE 30 DAY PERIOD IS OVER BY ABOUT FEBRUARY 18. CAN YOU GIVE ME YOUR
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BEST ESTIMATE AS TO WHEN CONGRESS WILL *RESUME SESSION IN* JANUARY?

ARE THERE ANY LEGAL DIFFICULTIES IN SIGNING THE DOCUMENT ON,
SAY, FEBRUARY 18 WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 1.
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